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OUR PUBLIC BUILDING.

THIS may not be the exact time to inquire what has become of the appropriation for a public building in Tonopah, but the inquiry can do no harm since the money has been appropriated and therefore is lying idle in the national treasury. It will take time to erect a building here and the people of Tonopah would like to have some positive assurance that such a building was contemplated. Tonopah is becoming the center of vast federal operations and is in one sense the financial center of the state since it produces more gold and silver bullion than any other quarter and the settlements run into big money every month. Little old Fallon appears to find no difficulty in making the government materialize on promises. A site has been engaged for the proposed post office and federal building and the deeds have been forwarded to Washington for approval. Fallon has an active and aggressive body of business men looking after her interests and those gentlemen did not allow the grass to grow under their feet when once the appropriation was secured. They saw that the subject was kept warm and in front of their representatives in the house and senate until something tangible was brought forth. This activity resulted in an additional \$10,000 being secured making a total of \$65,000 for building and site. If Fallon, which does not aspire to the greatness or population of Tonopah, can do this the question may be asked why something is not done locally for the seat of Nye county? Tonopah must be sleeping at the switch and needs a rousing reminder to jar it awake. This city is the center of business that demands special accommodations that should be provided. It is the center of the southern country for safety first service. Here is situated one of the three weather station maintained in Nevada by the department of agriculture. The treasury department is represented by a deputy internal revenue collector, whose jurisdiction extends over the region between Yerington and Searchlight. With the collection of war taxes the duties of this office will be multiplied and it will be necessary for the government to supply suitable offices for the transaction of business. Tonopah also enjoys the presence of a commissioner of the United States court and also has a branch recruiting station. These divisions of government are housed in widely separated offices whereas economy should suggest the expediency of getting them under one roof for the more convenient transaction of business. There is none of the pork barrel sentiment about this suggestion. The money has been appropriated and is available just as soon as some pressure is brought to bear on the administration to get busy and select a site that will be suitable for taking care of the several federal officers who make their headquarters in Tonopah.

WOOL IS WOOL AND PIGS IS PIGS.

THREE months ago when a syndicate of Nevada stockmen and bankers bought all the futures they could engage for the delivery of unborn wool, the idea was scoffed at as the height of recklessness, but now the shoe is on the other foot and the sheepmen and weaving mills are wondering where the apex of prices is going to halt. Beef has been typified by the salubrious bovine that jumped over the moon, but that is not a circumstance to the antics of the romping lambs that are yielding up their fleeces at the rate of 43 1-2 cents a pound, at which fabulous figure a firm of Elko county flockmasters sold their crop of 1917 involving the delivery of 240,000 pounds, making a neat turn of \$104,000 for one year's endeavor and still leaving the pelt and meat of the sheep to be realized on. When the war began wool was quoted at less than 12 cents a pound and the shortsighted ones thought ruin was staring them in the face and sold out on the spur of the first panicky feeling engendered by closing of stock exchanges and dislocation of all business. Then the price began to climb until it reached the maximum mentioned today, with every prospect of attaining still higher altitudes for reports from Australia state prices paid there during the past week have been as high as 50 cents flat in spite of the great distance from market and the difficulty of procuring transportation. If the government lets down the bars on the forest ranges without entirely dispensing with sane regulation of the industry, the sheep men will be induced to retain more of their ewes and thus pave the way for a more rapid increase of their flocks next spring.

BILLIONS FOR BUSINESS.

BENEVOLENT Uncle Sam is lending money to the allies with a string attached to each and every dollar by which the borrower is pledged to spend the money in the United States and nowhere else. This is a case of now you see it and now you don't. The allies get the money, but they don't get it, but they do get value received in munitions and commodities. Therefore there is no serious danger of this country going broke by the drainage of gold from its coffers. It merely places money in circulation and seals the affection of the borrower as firmly as the most exacting usurer could demand. The banks are happy over the thought that they will have a splendid investment fund placed at their disposal since the war bonds will not them close to 3 1-2 per cent, whereas they have been compelled to carry a bunch of national bonds which, in some cases did not yield an even three per cent. In the manufacturing and farming sections the money does not leave the bank as the system of raising the loan is on the same basis as operating the postal savings banks by which the money collected or deposited in these branches of the government goes directly to the local banks for re-investment and is not withdrawn from the community where it has been deposited.

The government will issue \$2,000,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness and sell \$5,000,000,000 bonds as required which will be in the course of the next six months. So great are the resources of the treasury of the United States that no difficulty is anticipated, but it will be easier to float government bonds if they are not

issued in larger blocks than can be absorbed with the cash on hand. By distributing the issue over several months the amount of ready money in the hands of the public for such investment will be greater because the money paid into the treasury for these bonds will be quickly spent in this country. This circulation of money will form an endless chain so far as the investing public is concerned and the flotation of bonds will not decrease the amount of money in circulation or check the activity of domestic trade. If anything happens it is more likely to be inflation rather than business depression, but the federal reserve board should be able to check inflation of credits just as it prevented stringency during the first year of the war.

WORK FOR MOTORISTS.

THIS year the motorists of Southern Nevada have a great duty before them. Much will depend on their activity and everybody who owns a car or thinks of buying one should take steps to identify himself with the only organization that looks after the interests of the public highways. The last session of the legislature authorized the formation of a commission of highways to supervise the construction and improvement of the chief road arteries of the state. The program, as mapped out, provided for several highways connecting both the Midland and Lincoln trails with the chief centers of production. The state money will be supplemented by a share of the general road building fund apportioned by the interior department. To secure a share of this money the state must do its duty in subscribing an equal amount which must be expended in permanent construction with the idea of mapping the country that the outlay will insure to the formation of transcontinental systems of military roads available for use in event of invasion, for the movement of munitions and ordnance with the least possible loss of time and resistance. The commission has been appointed from the extreme western end of the state and, unless other sections are alert, it is possible that the commission may forget the necessity for attending to roads in the more remote districts. There is no reflection on the integrity of the commissioners, but they are human and are prone to be interested especially in the roads that come within their immediate purview. Motorists from the southern and eastern end of the state should organize and work to the end that they will not let an opportunity pass to present the arguments in favor of disbursing a large portion of the state funds in establishing direct connections from Tonopah and Goldfield to Ely, the eastern gateway, Big Pine, the southern outlet for the winter route and Bishop, the pretty garden spot of Inyo county, which points the way to the Yosemite, and the short line to Reno around Walker Lake. In this land of isolation it develops on the motorists of the few centers of population to get busy and stay with the job until there is nothing more to be done in the way of road betterment. The special road tax levied this year will receive a material contribution from Nye county and, unless the automobilists of Nye county watch their own interests no one will watch for them.

TRIBUTE TO NEVADA

C. E. Wantland, general sales agent of the Southern Pacific Land Department, writes the following from Los Angeles in appreciation of the comment of the Bonanza on the honor gained by Nevada in being the first state to complete its enrolment in answer to the president's call: "Your editorial on Nevada first to fill her quota was a splendid tribute to the state that promises to become the first in the union. I appreciated it heartily and a friend of mine was so touched with the sentiment that he tossed off the following tribute which I think worthy of printing. It is not often that Nevada gets the prominence the state deserves and I take pleasure in enclosing the effusion."

NEVADA AND HER ONE SIXTY-TWO

Nevada's first again, of course. Do you forget her wondrous story? Hark back to '64. Nevada's father was the flag—Old Glory! Lincoln called: "Quick, I want a state, one that's new and true." Nevada's star, the "Battle Born" was flashed upon the Field of Blue.

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They hail from farm and range and from city home and mine. Boys of the Sagebrush state; no slackers they; they're always right;

Following the flag where'er it leads, and "Battle Born," they'll fight,

At home or over sea, with the old red, white and blue, Stars and stripes are in the hearts of Nevada's hundred sixty-two.

RESTORATION OF DUBLIN

(By Associated Press.)
 DUBLIN, Ireland, May 8.—Liberty Hall, which was partially wrecked by bombardment during the Dublin rebellion, is being repaired and fitted out for use as a communal kitchen.

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SWIFT DROMEDARIES ALMOST TOTAL ABSTAINERS

(By Associated Press.)
 CALCUTTA, India, May 8.—The gift of a hundred camels from the Khan of Khalat, Baluchistan, to the viceroy of India, is a very valuable war donation. The Khalat camels are considered in many respects the finest in the world, but purchase of good animals of this type has been almost impossible owing to the high value which their owners set upon them. The Khalat camels are said to be exceptionally swift, and so temperate in their drinking as to be almost total abstainers.

GROWING TOO FRIENDLY WITH THE ENEMY

(By Associated Press.)
 PETROGRAD, May 8.—General Gurko, commander of the western front, has ordered the fraternizing of Russians with enemy troops which, has become a common practice, stopped. Gurko says three divisions of Germans have been transferred from the Russian to the French front. Others, including artillery and aircraft, are following.

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, May 8.—A report on possible economies in railway management in London shows that there are at present more than 500 railway stations in Greater London.

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